

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to urge you to not support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. Although I am not a DIRECTV customer, I believe the merger will increase money and cash for rich guys like execs at EchoStar and HUGHES because the combined company will provide competition with other very large bandwidth delivering companies.

The combined company will be a much stronger monopoly and crush the cable operators by being able to offer me local TV channels via satellite in my market area, which I currently do not receive.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in increased crappy downstream tendencies in the broadband market by providing an unaffordable high-speed downstream Internet service nationwide via satellite.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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